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INFORM CONSULS; ATTENTION VOTING OFFICERS

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SUBJECT:ABSENTEE VOTING ASSISTANCE FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE
AND THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ABROAD

REF: 7 FAM 877, 76 STATE A-397

1. PUBLIC LAW 90-344 REQUIRES THAT ALL U.S. PERSONNEL
SERVING OVERSEAS BE PROVIDED WITH FEDERAL POST CARD APPLI-
CATIONS (FPCA'S) NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15 OF EVERY ELECTION
YEAR. SINCE DEADLINE HAS ALREADY PASSED, VOTING OFFICERS
MUST WASTE NO TIME IN COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENT. UPON
RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, VOTING OFFICERS SHOULD DISTRIBUTE
FPCA'S TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZEN POST EMPLOYEES TOGETHER
WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THEIR USE. IF POST DOES NOT HAVE
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FPCA'S ON HAND, USE PHOTOCOPIES OF 7 FAM EXHIBIT 877.

2. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY UNDER OVERSEAS CITIZENS VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1976, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY , I.E. BY OCTOBER 2 AT LATEST. PROMPT ACTION IN COMPLETING FPCA'S THEREFORE ESSENTIAL.

3. VOTING OFFICERS SHOULD WORK WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY ABOUT ABSENTEE REGISTRATION

VOTING PROCEDURES. DO NOT NEGLECT USIS CONTRACTS. MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS.

4. COPIES OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION, GUIDE TO ABSENTEE VOTING, WERE POUCHED TO ALL POSTS ON 8/12/76. GUIDE CONTAINS USEFUL INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL TAX LIABILITY FOR VOTING IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS. IF NOT RECEIVED BY SEPT. 7, PLEASE NOTIFY DEPT BY CABLE SO REPLACEMENT CAN BE SENT.

5. GUIDE ALSO CONTAINS APPLICATION FORM DEVELOPED BY CHAMBER FOR USE BY CIVILIANS AND OTHERS TO WHOM FPCA IS NOT PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE. FORM (ON PAGE 19 OF GUIDE) MAY BE REPRODUCED LOCALLY AND USED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR FPCA.

6. THE DEPARTMENT URGES ALL ELIGIBLE FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL, THEIR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS TO REGISTER AND VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE COMING ELECTIONS. KISSINGER

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